

Outing Park  
(Daigle Apartment House)  
60 Saratoga Street  
Springfield  
Hampden County  
Massachusetts

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Location 60 Saratoga Street, Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts.  
USGS Springfield South, Mass.-Conn. Quad-rangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.700100.4663070.

Present Owner Mario A. Marinetto  
134 Forest Park Avenue  
Springfield, MA 01108

Present Use Vacant

Statement of Significance As one of the first four apartment blocks built during 1913 on Saratoga Street, this structure marks the beginning of the "Outing Park" development by Gagnier and Angers.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: 1913, building permit (source)
2. Architect: H. L. Sprague. Mr. Sprague was a prominent local architect who specialized in commercial buildings. However, he designed several of the buildings in the Hollywood area during the early stages of its development.
3. Original and subsequent owners: Description of property: Beginning at a point in the Northerly line of Saratoga Street distant westerly one hundred fifty three and 65/100 (153.65) feet from an iron pin at an angle in the northerly line of Saratoga Street (said angle being the relocated line of Saratoga Street about eight (8) feet easterly from the angle in said street as shown on a plan of Outing Park owned by Gagnier and Angers, drawn by Steele Brothers, C. E., dated February 1913, and known as file #346 on file in Hampden County Registry of Deeds) and running thence WESTERLY on Saratoga Street fifty (50) feet; thence NORTHERLY in a line at right angles with Saratoga Street eighty-five (85) feet to the northerly line of the Outing Park property; thence EASTERLY on land of owners unknown fifty (50) feet; and then SOUTHERLY

at right angles with the last course and in the center line of a four-foot walk, eighty-five (85) feet to the place of beginning.

References to the chain of title to the land upon which the structure stands can be found in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, 50 State Street, Springfield, MA.

1913 Deed, August 1, 1913 recorded in Book 872 p. 415.  
Christopher I. Gagnier et al to Adouilda Daigle.

1918 Deed, May 3, 1918 recorded in Book 1016 p. 200.  
Adouilda Daigle to Joseph and Blanche St. Laurent.

1919 Deed, September 5, 1919 recorded in Book 1050 p. 323.  
Joseph St. Laurent to Oscar and Clotilde Rheume.

1920 Deed, July 30, 1920 recorded in Book 1090 p. 280.  
Oscar and Clotilde Rheume to Louis T. and Eva Belle Comette.

1949 Deed, December 29, 1949 recorded in Book 2027 p. 66.  
Louis T. Comette to Sarah Long.

1969 Deed, April 11, 1968 recorded in Book 3329 p. 574.  
Sarah Long to Vincent L. and Lillian Romeo.

1974 Deed, August 30, 1974 recorded in Book 4033 p. 179.  
Vincent L. and Lillian Romeo to Mario Marinetto.

4. Builder: Gagnier and Angers Corporation (please refer to narrative OUTING PARK HABS No. MA-1136) for information on the Gagnier and Angers Corporation.
5. Original Plans and Construction: The Daigle Apartment House was constructed as a three-story brick residential apartment block for \$10,000. Two bowed bay windows flank a central entrance with a concrete cornice. Original plans are not

available. The building took ten months to complete according to the Building permit.

6. Alterations or additions: none.

B. Historical Context

The Daigle Apartment House was one of the first four apartment blocks built during 1913 at the beginning of the Outing Park development. The development later known as "Hollywood" totaled forty-four blocks in all. The Daigle Apartment House was one of a handful of three-story buildings with the remaining apartment blocks being four stories. The apartment units were rented throughout the years by Springfield's working class. The building is surrounded by similar multi-family structures on all but the north side where single-family homes are sited. Daigle is the name of the first owner (source-deed).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: The Daigle Apartment House is a typical example of an early twentieth century urban apartment block. The building has an even set back from Saratoga Street, is a similar style and has a similar expression of materials as the other Saratoga Street buildings.
2. Condition of fabric: poor. Fire has destroyed most of the interior and some of the exterior features of the building.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The general shape of this three-story building is rectangular, measuring approximately 34x54x34x54. The front (south) facade has two bowed bay windows, is five bays wide. The side walls are five bays wide. All but the front facade are simple planar brick walls (photos #1 and #2).
2. Foundation: Two feet thick - brick.
3. Walls: The front (south) facade is composed of glazed red brick. Single recessed rows of brick spaced about one foot apart give a strong

horizontal emphasis to the facade. Beneath the cornice is a row of brick dentils with a short corbel table. A checkerboard panel of brick and concrete is located above the central third-floor window on the front facade. Common brick was used for all the remaining walls and concrete was used for all window and door surrounds.

4. Structural systems: Brick bearing walls with wood framing.
5. Porch: Wooden porch was located along the north facade but was removed after the fire in 1980 (photo #2).
6. Chimneys: Three common brick chimneys are located at the northwest, northeast and south-east walls.
7. Openings:
  - a. Doorways: Main entrance (south facade) has simple concrete cornice and is presently boarded up.
  - b. Windows: Windows are absent, sills and casings are wood.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape and covering: Pitched roof with gravel covering in poor-deteriorated condition.
  - b. Cornice: Tin cornice with dentils and frieze damaged in areas.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: The interior of the Daigle Apartment House was inaccessible due to fire damage. The enclosed typical floor plan shows the layout as it was. Basically, each floor had two apartment units served by a front centrally located staircase.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The Daigle Apartment House is sited ten feet from the Saratoga Street line even with the facades of the other Saratoga Street buildings. The

structure faces slightly southeast on a northwest southeast axis. The surrounding topography is flat with the structure occupying most of the site.

2. Historic landscape design: A three foot wide concrete walk runs along the eastern perimeter of the building.

### PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural Drawings: "Plan of Outing Park" owned by Gagnier and Angers drawn by Steele Bros., C. E. February 1913, File #346 (photo #1 in Outing Park narrative) located in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, 50 State Street, Springfield, MA. Architectural floor plan drawn 1982 by Carl J. Warfield, AIA, 125 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103.
- B. Bibliography
  1. Primary and unpublished sources:

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Massachusetts Historical Commission MHC Reconnaissance Survey Report. Boston, Massachusetts March 1982.

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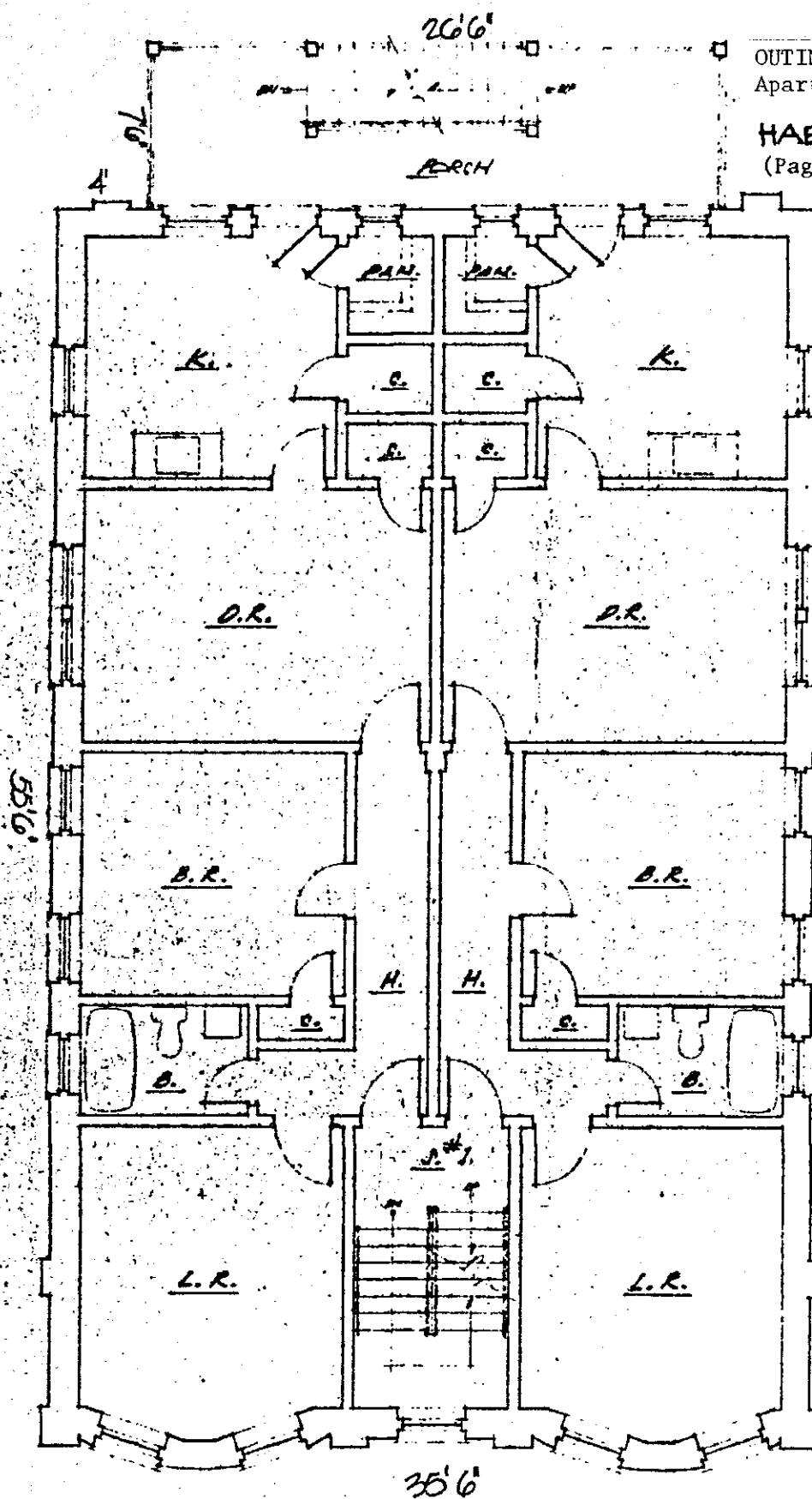
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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

Please refer to narrative OUTING PARK HABS No. MA-1136 in  
section on PROJECT INFORMATION. PART V

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TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

60 SARATOGA STREET